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Applicant(s): Budinger et al.

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ADJUSTED RATE OF WEAR

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**PROOF OF TIMELY FILED RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.8 (b)**

Sir:

An Office Action was mailed January 30, 2002, setting a one month period for response.

A response was mailed, by certificate of first class mailing, on February 21, 2002, according to the personal knowledge of the undersigned, Barbara A. Wiley, secretary to Gerald K. Kita, registration number 24,125. We became aware that a response was not received by a Notice Of Abandonment mailed September 27, 2002.

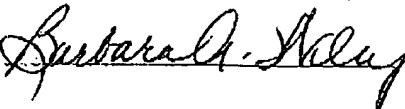
Enclosed is a copy of the response signed by Mr. Kita, and a copy of the certificate of mailing signed by me. Further enclosed is a copy of the acknowledgement postcard as sent, and also a copy indicating a receipt stamp of the US Patent And Trademark Office.

We request an acceptance of the response as being timely filed in reply to the Office Action mailed January 30, 2002.

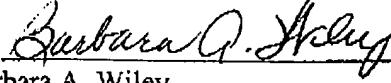
I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, FAX number 703-872-9302, on the date indicated below.

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